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A PETITION FOR BRANDEIS.

PETITIONING the United States senate to confirm the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis as Justice of the supreme court is about as dignified as anything that has happened in recent months. It was probably done without the knowledge or consent of Mr. Brandeis himself, and is only another proof that every man has bad friends.

Only a fool friend would have done such a thing. The petition is said to have been in the hands of Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, and was unanimously signed in New York.

The position to which Lawyer Brandeis has been nominated is one of dignity. It is a place which no man can seek to the extent of circulating petitions and exercising his political pull, as he would do in the pursuit of a country postoffice. Mr. Brandeis is not making a political race, but he has been named by the president for this important place. The senate is now inquiring into his fitness for it.

Filing a petition asking for his confirmation is about as far-fetched as would be a petition to a court judge asking him to decide a lawsuit for the plaintiff defendant, signed by outsiders, before the evidence had all been heard. It is plainly the act of fool friends and it is to be hoped that the senate committee will not hold it against Mr. Brandeis.

Neutrality looks good to Sweden, and Romania still inclines to the belief that war is not worth all the glory it brings to a nation. Some of the other nations know it, too, but they found it out too late.

ENGLAND'S VISION IS CLOUDED.

EMBITTERED by the war, the inner circle of the British cabinet is considering a measure to prohibit German imports forever, and to encourage British exports to the allies. In its shortsightedness, England may pass such a measure into law, but it will be repealed in a few years.

This brings to mind the fact that nations are very much like individuals, being made up of individuals, with all their human passions and feelings. Every man who has engaged in a personal encounter with another, even though it may have been as far back as his boyhood, can remember the bitterness he felt at that time. He made a firm resolve that he would have nothing to do with the other, as long as he lived. He would never speak to him—never—and would turn all his friends against him.

This feeling was greater in intensity if the man or boy entertaining it was the one likeliest to the affray, but after a time it wore off. The man or boy who fought him to a draw, or even to a finish, may have been a pretty good fellow after all. The fact that he would fight, and did fight, was not a reflection upon him. Eventually the hatred wore off, and in many instances they again became good friends.

England will not prohibit German imports at a time when England needs them or can make anything by handling them. Germany is a villain now, and a rough neck, in the opinion of England, but in time may come to be regarded as a pretty good sort of fellow.

Felix Diaz swore off on revolutions once, it will be remembered, but it was an old habit with him and he has broken over.

The bar association has endorsed President Wilson's foreign policy and asked for a federal court. The two are not to be construed, however, as aiming at the same thing.

Censorship at Sarreille is to be modified and now of the movement of German warships is to come to a standstill. Perhaps we shall be able to learn more about what the Moche is doing. In any case the rider has not been captured.

IRISHMEN ARE OUR FRIENDS.

BLESSED be the Irishman wherever he is found, for he is a true friend under all circumstances. He does not desert in time of stress, nor does he ever forget a favor. This country assimilates the Irish more readily than the natives of any other country on earth. They are full-fledged Americans just as soon as they set foot on our shores and they remain Americans throughout all time and even through eternity, as far as may be known.

A few of them may get off wrong now and then, as some of them propose to do in New York by making an anti-British demonstration, but their doing so, there are victims of the age-old hatred handed down to them as a legacy by their ancestors, who were oppressed by England. They know, of course, that home rule has been given the Emerald Isle, but they know it well, in long time coming.

But cooler heads have prevailed. In the reports as to when the sheriff speaks with the prisoner, there is no lynching. The cooler heads among the Irish in America have taken steps to offset the stimulation of England proposed to some of their number, and they point out that Ireland is now loyal to Britain, showing that loyalty by doing a heroic part of the fighting.

The Irish who would denounce England are not any the less loyal to the United States. They are simply extremists, and those who oppose them are also but Americans, all thought of the Republic in a way that would give offense having long since been forgotten.

The cost of living is not as high here as it is in the war countries we are informed, but still it is high enough here to suit the most extravagant.

WATCH CONGRESS BACK DOWN.

CONGRESS may jockey with the best it has to offer on the foreign policy, but the majority of that body who favored the warning now know their error and are looking for a loophole of evasion, but in the end congress will back down, retreat from the position it has held, and eat its own words.

Members of congress are but the representatives of people who sent them to Washington and they take particular care, if they have even a smattering of wisdom, to carry out the wishes of their constituents. If they do, their constituents have a habit of retiring them to private life at the first opportunity.

Many members of the house and senate have heard from home. If they have been awake since the Armistice they know the trend of public opinion. Realizing that they vote on the warning resolution now means no further action on the part of Congress.

One of the questions recently has asked about the war, and everyone has said that the men who voted for the warning resolution now know better than to consider it as unadvised.

The men really entitled to sympathy is the one who, having faith in his own

conscience, has taken a position subservient to his wife in the battle for a living.

A townsperson signified the extent of summer by shooting his wife. A far more plausible account of summer is to be found in the following:

The really strong man is the one who can resist the temptation to play in a jackpot.

Leap Year Tragedy. An old maid had an idea. So time is equal her girl she invited a certain young man out. And then she raped him in.

—Friends Times 17th.

Business men at Novata have sent out a warning to candidates that they must give all their time to the city offices after they are elected. They pay for the time of the city officials and they propose to have full value for their money.

This theory is becoming more popular all the time. More and more it is coming to be understood that when a man is elected to a city or county office or even to a state position, he is not put there to loaf through the entire term, whether it be two or four years.

Prospective candidates at Novata are warned that if they are elected to office and fail to devote their whole time to the work or neglect their duties, the business men who have signed the petition will do all in their power to remove them.

These business men speak with authority. In reality they, with the other taxpayers are the employers of the city officials. The men elected to office are not employed by the political parties that put them there although they may be under the mistaken idea that they owe something to those who manipulate the campaigns. The taxpayers pay their salaries and the taxpayers can remove them. The business men of Novata have the right idea.

George Bernard wants all the show-work, but he is a German writer and writers are not sinking the ships these days.

So many inducements are being offered to the boys to make gardens and raise pigs that they are taking fairly driven back to the soil.

The first telegram was sent sixty-five years ago, but if the messenger boys of that time were as deliberate as they are now, it may not have been delivered yet.

Summing It Up
By RICHARD S. GRAVES

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